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three young men came as promising young oceanographers; George Kooperman, who studied at Hamburg University, A Mr. Wyrski (fna) and a Mr. Weidemann, (fna), who both studied at Kiel University. Wyrski made application to study at New York University as an exchange student. All three men received doctor's degrees after World War II in meteorology and oceanography.

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2. at Hamburg University the meteorology and oceanography studies were conducted in the lower floor of a private house in a location called Rothenbaum Chaussee. However these departments have since moved to another location. There were three staff lecturers and the director. The average number of students from 1947 to 1951 was approximately 15. The meteorology and oceanography departments of Kiel University were also housed in a large private house. Marine biology was also included here. There were four staff members.

3. No forecasting was done at the Universities. Storm type predictions were made at the German Hydrographic office for the German coast. Storm type predictions were based on an empirical basis. Consumers of such forecasts were government agencies, military services during the war, officials interested in dyke protection and the population along the coast. My work centered on waves and swells. During the war research was done on temperature gradients and thermocline. Wartime projects which were continued after the war were, work on waves and swell, and ocean currents.

4. Before the Soviets occupied the oceanographic observatories at Greifswald and Gotenhafen, all personnel evacuated to West Germany with the majority of the scientific equipment and the complete library. Anything that was left behind could not have been important.

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